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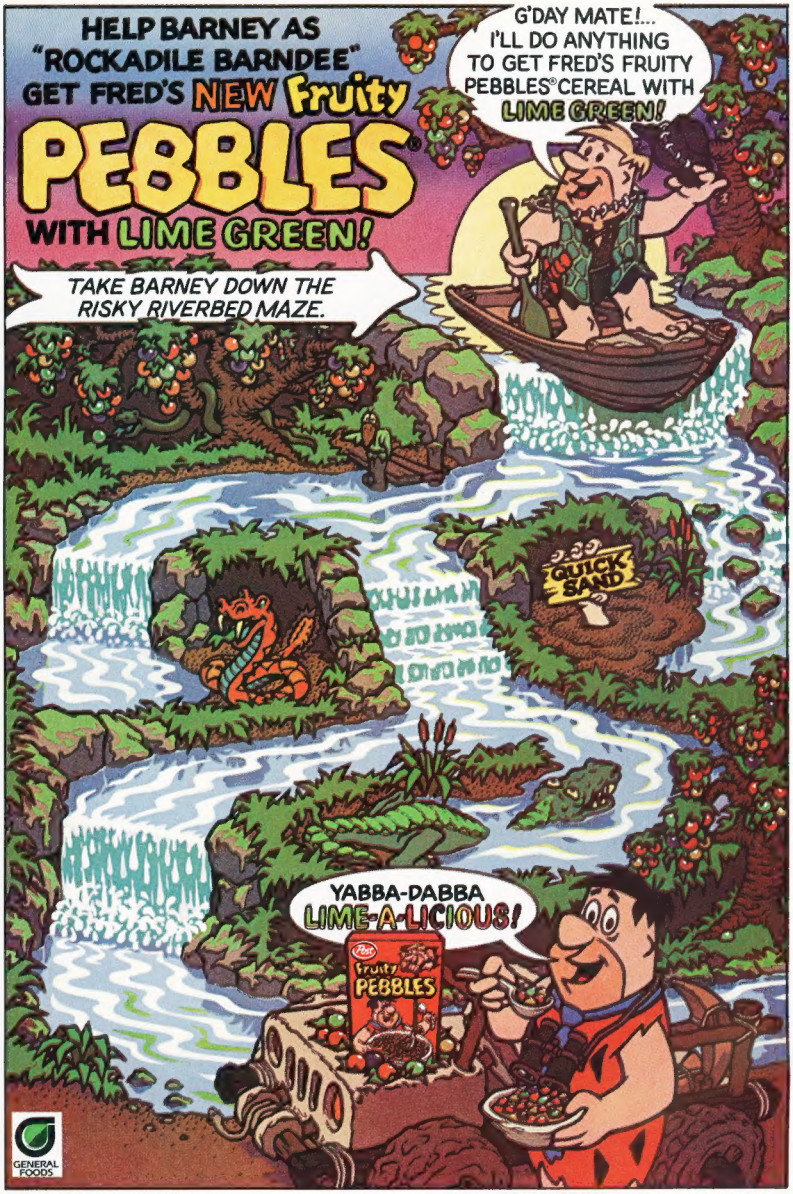

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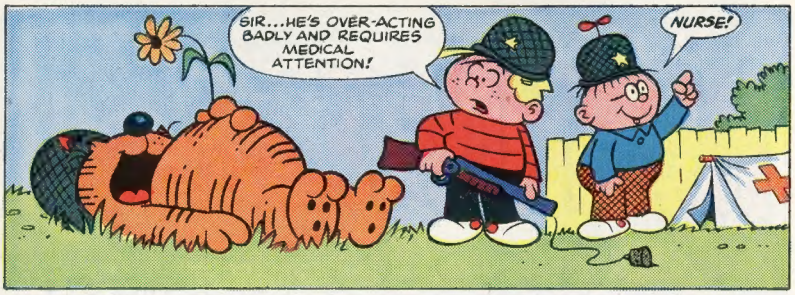
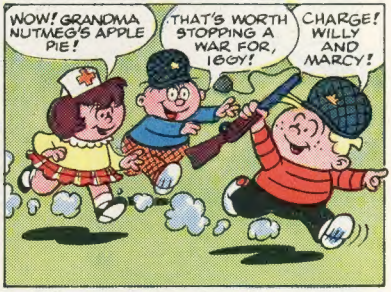
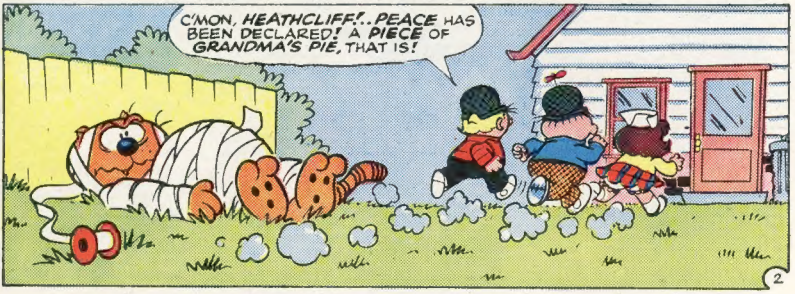

SIR...HE'S OVER-ACTING BADLY AND REQUIRES MEDICAL ATTENTION!
NURSE!

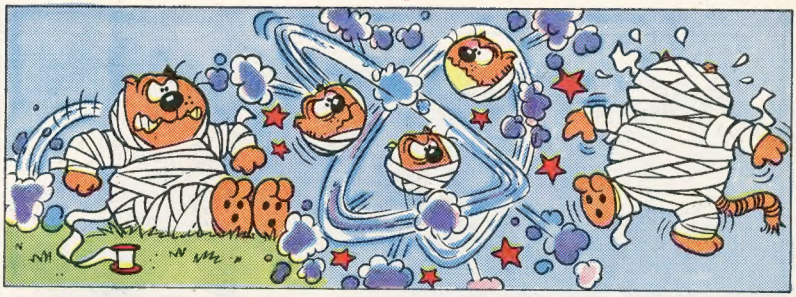
FLORENCE NIGHTINGOWN TO THE RESCUE!
LIL NURSE

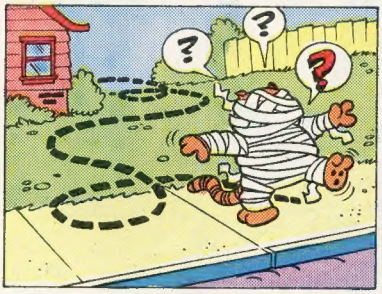
TO BE A GOOD NURSE YOU NEED LOTS OF PATIENCE! PATIENTS, TOO, COME TO THINK OF IT!

ATTENTION! ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL REPORT TO THE MESS HALL FOR APPLE PIE ON THE DOUBLE!


WOW! GRANDMA NUTMEG'S APPLE PIE!
THAT'S WORTH STOPPING A WAR FOR, IGGY!
CHARGE! WILLY AND MARCY!


C'MON, HEATHCLIFF!..PEACE HAS BEEN DECLARED! A PIECE OF GRANDMA'S PIE, THAT IS!

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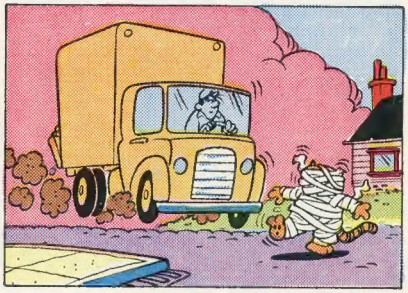

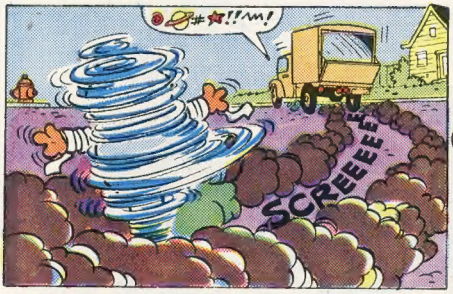
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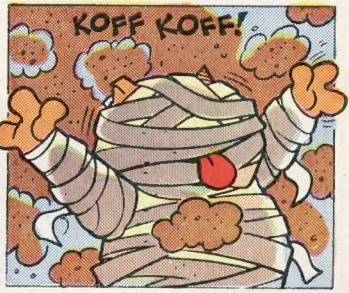
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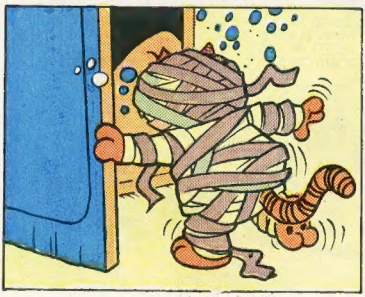
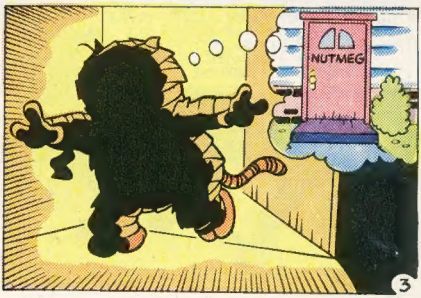
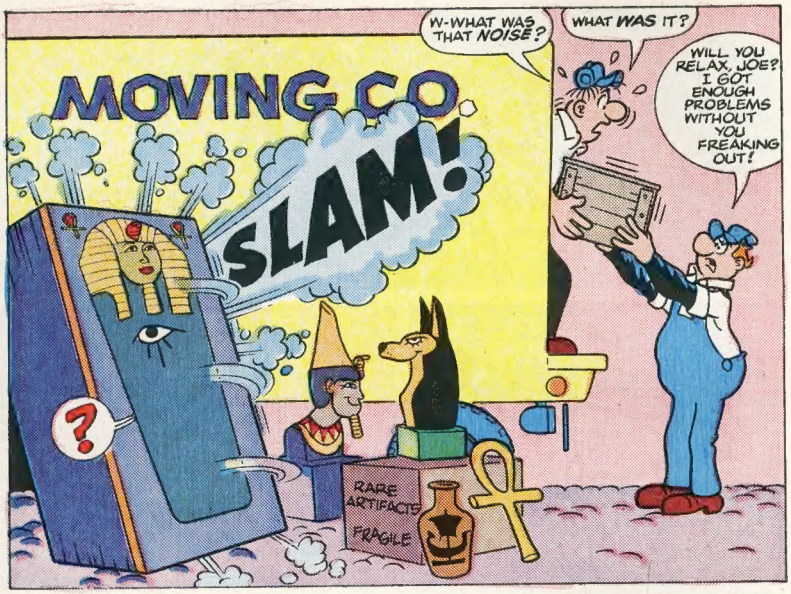



NUTMEG


MOVING CO.
SLAM!
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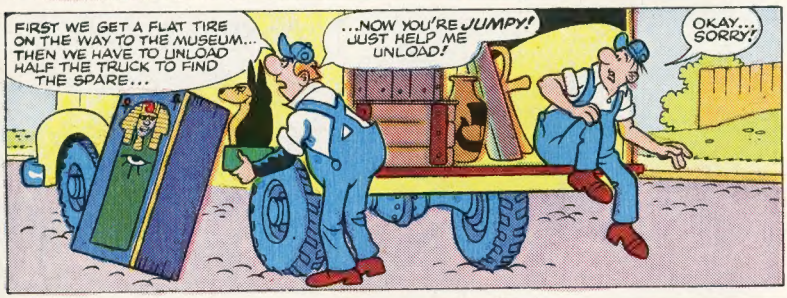
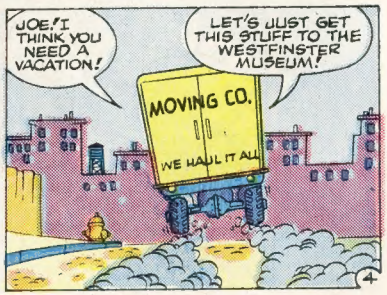
W-WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
WHAT WAS IT?
WILL YOU RELAX, JOE? I GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS WITHOUT YOU FREAKING OUT!
RARE ARTIFACTS
FRAGILE


FIRST WE GET A FLAT TIRE ON THE WAY TO THE MUSEUM... THEN WE HAVE TO UNLOAD HALF THE TRUCK TO FIND THE SPARE...
...NOW YOU'RE JUMPY! JUST HELP ME UNLOAD!
OKAY... SORRY!

THIS OLD EGYPTIAN STUFF GIVES ME THE CREEPS! LIKE THIS OLD CASKET! IT FEELS HEAVIER THAN BEFORE!
OH, BROTHER.


JOE! I THINK YOU NEED A VACATION!
LET'S JUST GET THIS STUFF TO THE WESTFINSTER MUSEUM!
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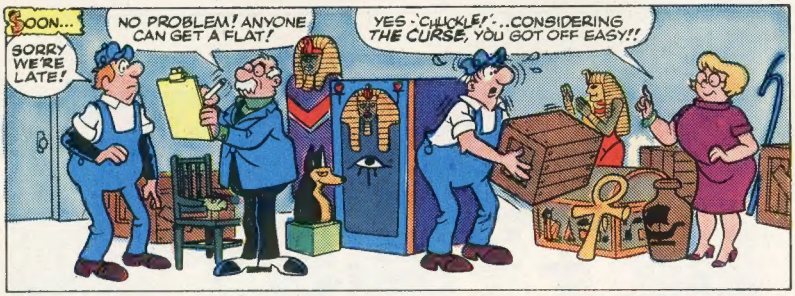
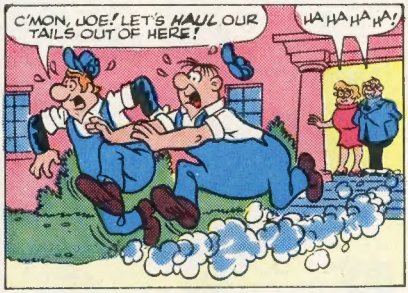
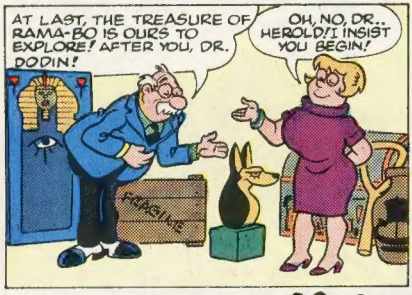
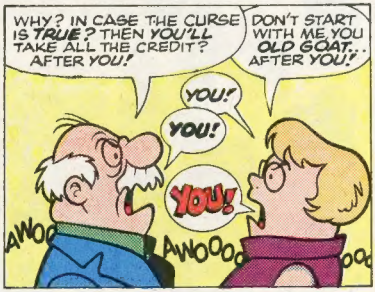
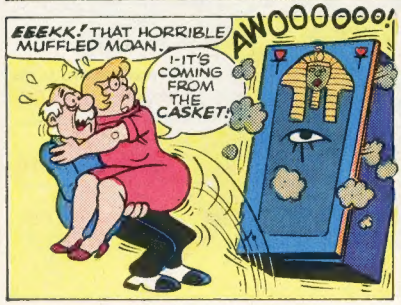

SOON...
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
NO PROBLEM! ANYONE CAN GET A FLAT!
YES - CHUCKLE! ...CONSIDERING THE CURSE, YOU GOT OFF EASY!!

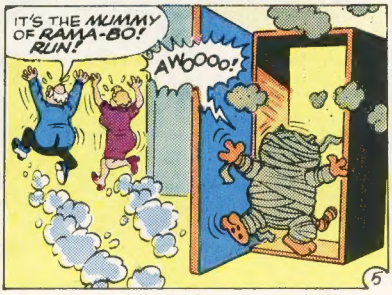
C-CURSE?
MY ASSOCIATE REFERS TO THE OLD LEGEND OF PHARAOH RAMA-BO'S TREASURE...'TOUCH MY STUFF, YOU'LL EAT MY DUST!'"


C'MON, JOE! LET'S HAUL OUR TAILS OUT OF HERE!
HA HA HA HA!

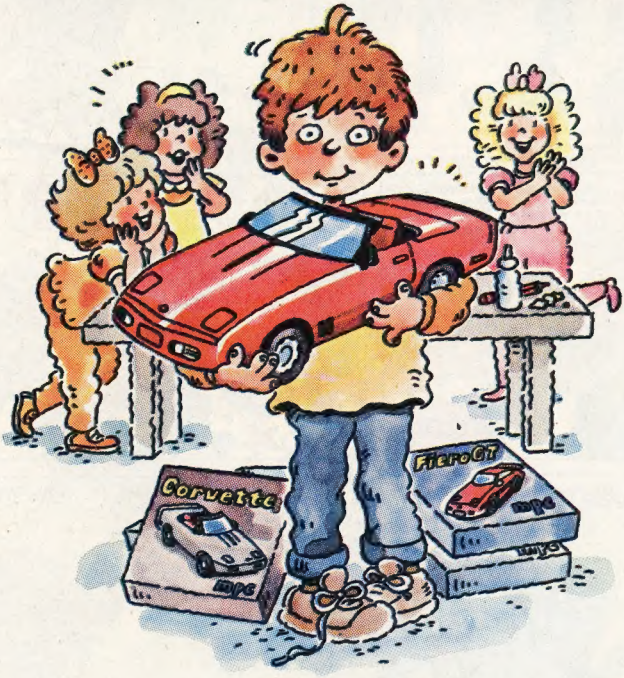

AT LAST, THE TREASURE OF RAMA-BO IS OURS TO EXPLORE! AFTER YOU, DR. DODIN!
OH, NO, DR.. HEROLD! I INSIST YOU BEGIN!
FRAGILE


WHY? IN CASE THE CURSE IS TRUE? THEN YOU'LL TAKE ALL THE CREDIT? AFTER YOU!
DON'T START WITH ME, YOU OLD GOAT... AFTER YOU!
YOU!
YOU!
YOU!
AWOO
AWOOOO


EEEKK! THAT HORRIBLE MUFFLED MOAN.
I-IT'S COMING FROM THE CASKET!
AWOOOOOO!


IT'S THE MUMMY OF RAMA-BO! RUN!
AWOOOO!

BODY BUILDER



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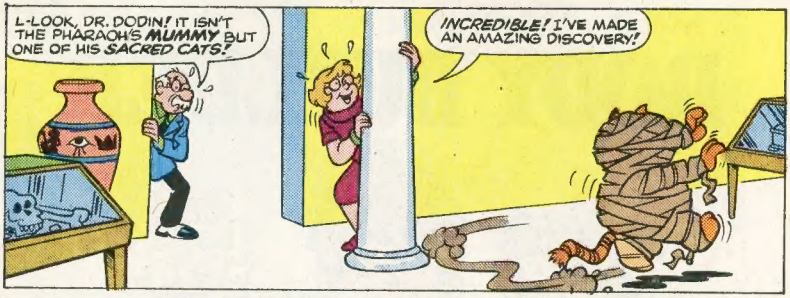
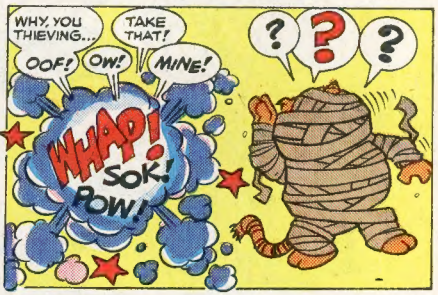

L-LOOK, DR. DODIN! IT ISN'T THE PHARAOH'S MUMMY BUT ONE OF HIS SACRED CATS!
INCREDIBLE! I'VE MADE AN AMAZING DISCOVERY!

YOU? I ORGANIZED THIS SHOW! I MADE IT WORK! I CLAIM THE DISCOVERY!
SPEAKING OF I'S...HOW'D YOU LIKE A BLACK ONE?


WHY, YOU THIEVING...
TAKE THAT!
OOF!
OW!
MINE!
WHAP!
SOK!
POW!
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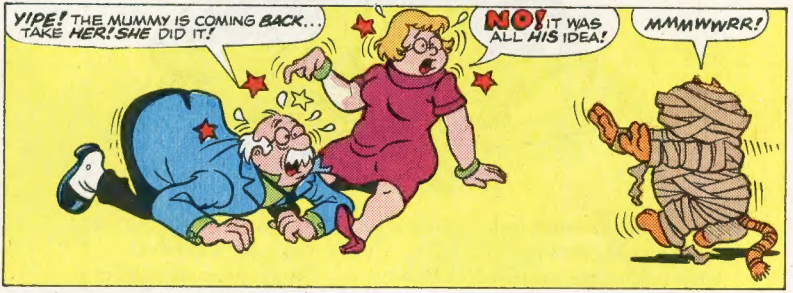
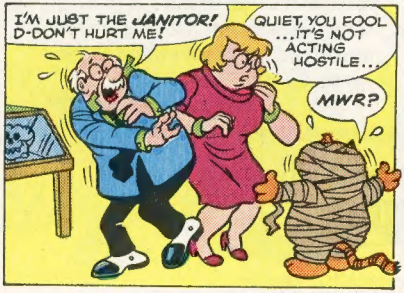
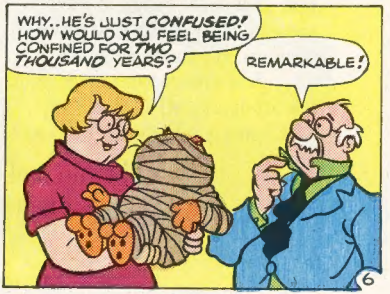
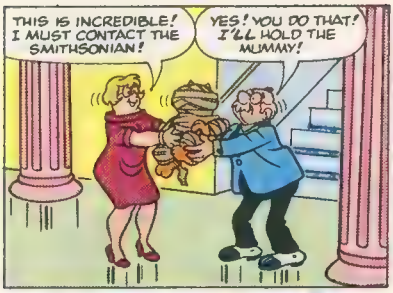
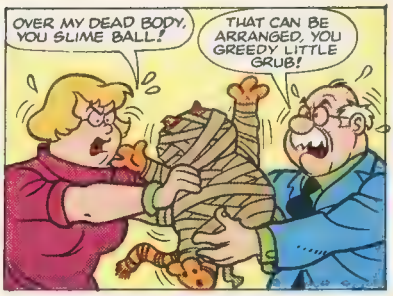
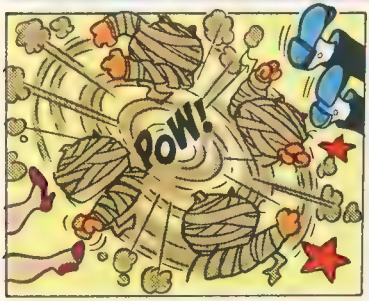

YIPE! THE MUMMY IS COMING BACK... TAKE HER! SHE DID IT!
NO! IT WAS ALL HIS IDEA!
MMMWWRR!


I'M JUST THE JANITOR! D-DON'T HURT ME!
QUIET, YOU FOOL ...IT'S NOT ACTING HOSTILE...
MWR?


WHY..HE'S JUST CONFUSED! HOW WOULD YOU FEEL BEING CONFINED FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS?
REMARKABLE!


THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I MUST CONTACT THE SMITHSONIAN!
YES! YOU DO THAT! I'LL HOLD THE MUMMY!


OVER MY DEAD BODY, YOU SLIME BALL!
THAT CAN BE ARRANGED, YOU GREEDY LITTLE GRUB!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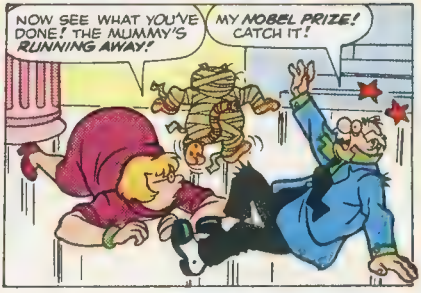
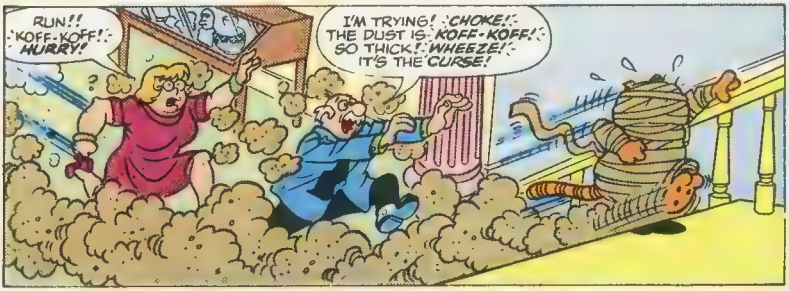
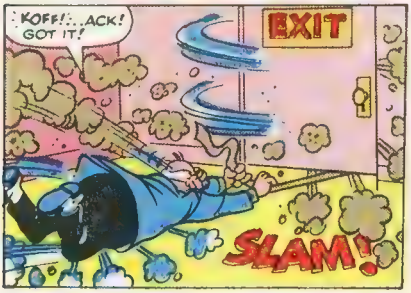
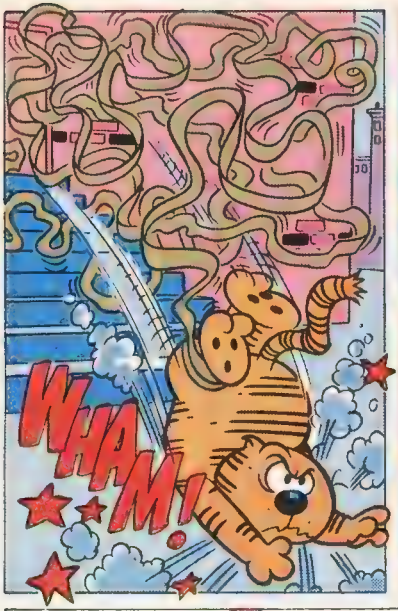
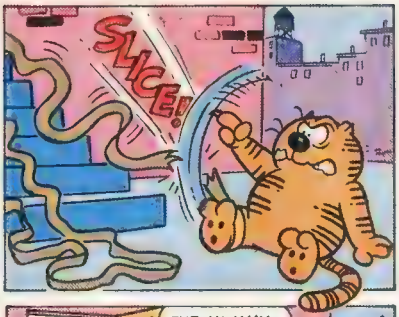
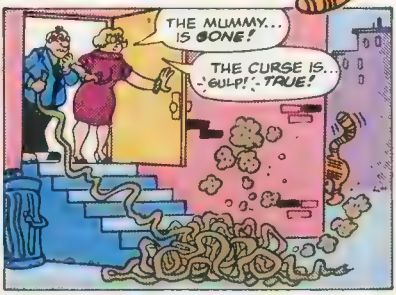

NOW SEE WHAT YOU'VE DONE! THE MUMMY'S RUNNING AWAY!
MY NOBEL PRIZE! CATCH IT!

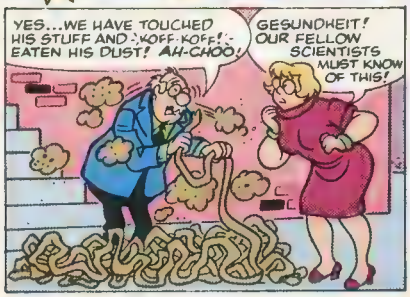

RUN!! KOFF-KOFF! HURRY!
I'M TRYING! CHOKE! THE DUST IS KOFF-KOFF! SO THICK! WHEEZE! IT'S THE CURSE!

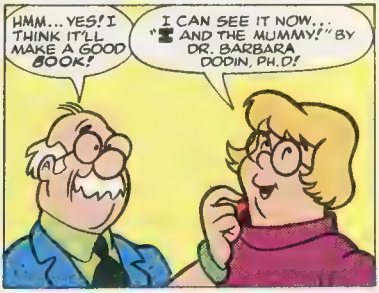

KOFF!...ACK! GOT IT!
EXIT
SLAM!

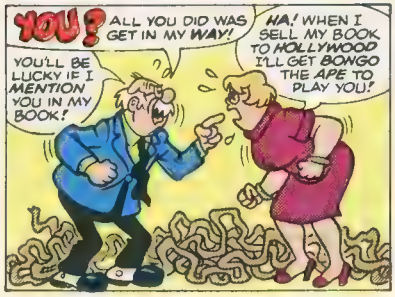

WHAM!

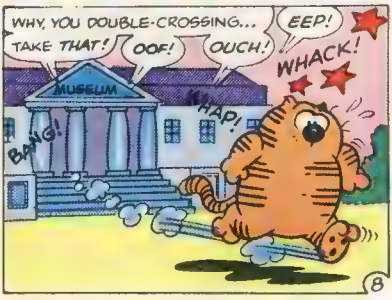

SLICE!

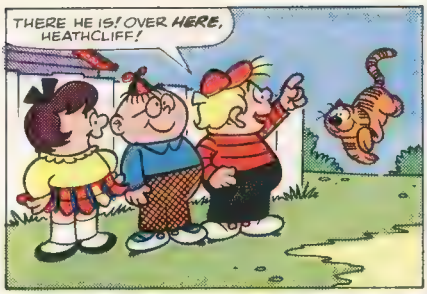

THE MUMMY... IS GONE!
THE CURSE IS... GULP! TRUE!


YES...WE HAVE TOUCHED HIS STUFF AND KOFF-KOFF! EATEN HIS DUST! AH-CHOO!
GESUNDHEIT! OUR FELLOW SCIENTISTS MUST KNOW OF THIS!

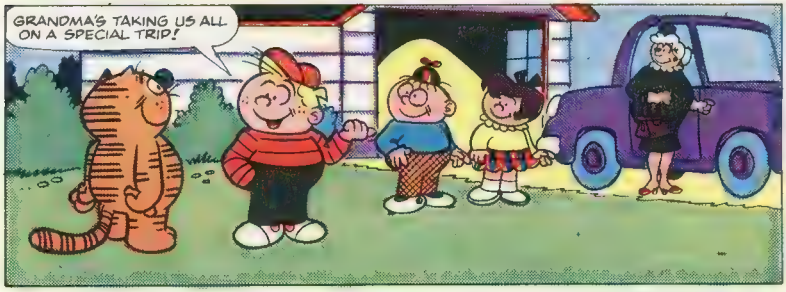

HMM... YES! I THINK IT'LL MAKE A GOOD BOOK!
I CAN SEE IT NOW... "I AND THE MUMMY!" BY DR. BARBARA DODIN, PH.D!


YOU? ALL YOU DID WAS GET IN MY WAY!
HA! WHEN I SELL MY BOOK TO HOLLYWOOD I'LL GET BONGO THE APE TO PLAY YOU!
YOU'LL BE LUCKY IF I MENTION YOU IN MY BOOK!

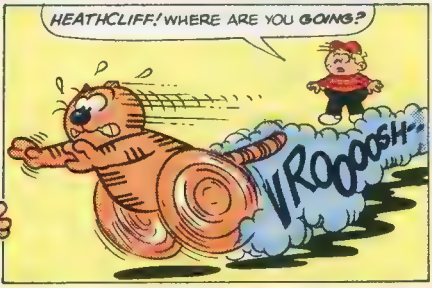

WHY, YOU DOUBLE-CROSSING...
EEP!
TAKE THAT!
OOF!
OUCH!
WHACK!
MUSEUM
KRAP!
BONG!

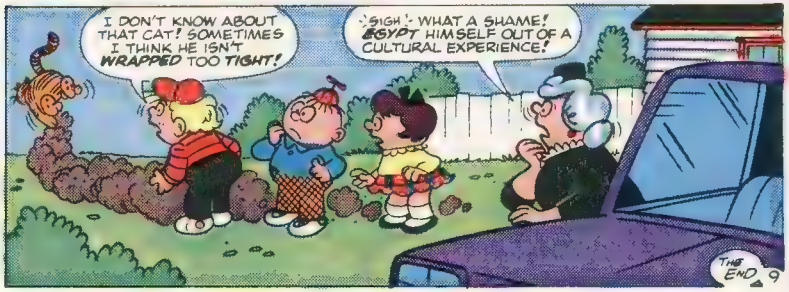

THERE HE IS! OVER HERE, HEATHCLIFF!

NO, NO... WE'RE NOT PLAYING "ARMY" ANY MORE!


GRANDMA'S TAKING US ALL ON A SPECIAL TRIP!

WE'RE GOING TO SEE THE NEW EGYPTIAN EXHIBIT AT THE WESTFINSTER MUSEUM!


HEATHCLIFF! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
VROOOOSH


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT CAT! SOMETIMES I THINK HE ISN'T WRAPPED TOO TIGHT!
SIGH - WHAT A SHAME! EGYPT HIMSELF OUT OF A CULTURAL EXPERIENCE!
THE END

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HEATHCLIFF in TOUCHDOWN TABBY
LET'S GO, IGGY! WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THE OPENING KICKOFF!
OKAY, GRAMPS!
TIGERS
MASCOT
MANAK / KREMER / LEON
HEATHCLIFF SEEMS TO BE REALLY PSYCHED UP TODAY!
HE TAKES HIS JOB AS THE TIGERS' MASCOT VERY SERIOUSLY!
GO TIGERS
GO TIGERS
WOW! IT LOOKS LIKE A FULL HOUSE!
WHY NOT? IT'S THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR!
MASCOT
TIGERS VS. BIGFOOTS
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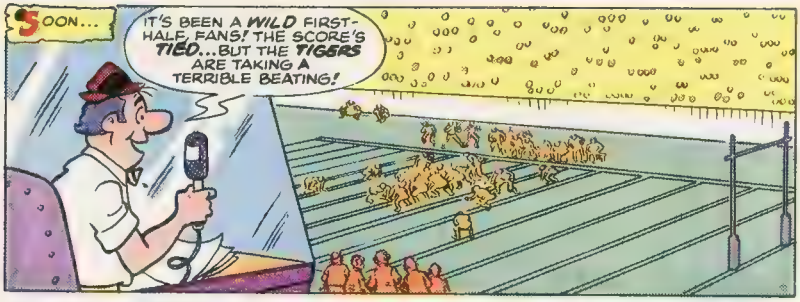
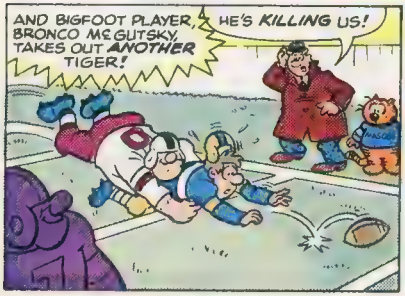
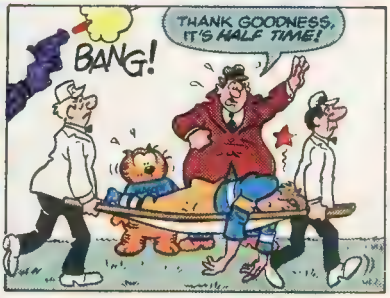
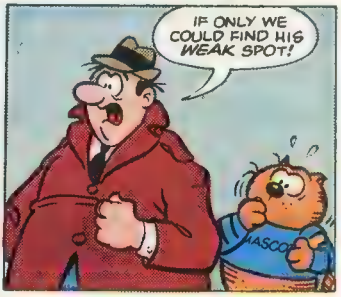
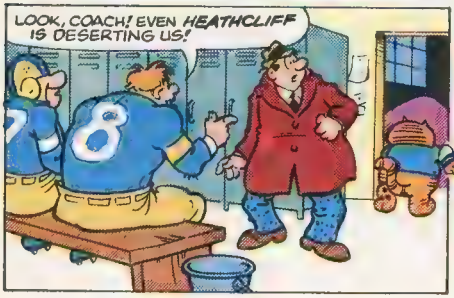

SOON...
IT'S BEEN A WILD FIRST-HALF, FANS! THE SCORE'S TIED...BUT THE TIGERS ARE TAKING A TERRIBLE BEATING!

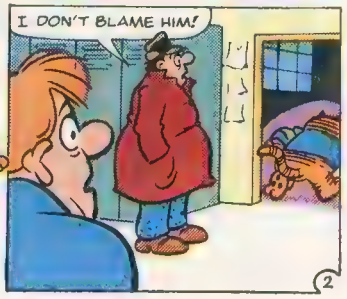

AND BIGFOOT PLAYER, BRONCO McGUTSKY, TAKES OUT ANOTHER TIGER!
HE'S KILLING US!
MASCOT

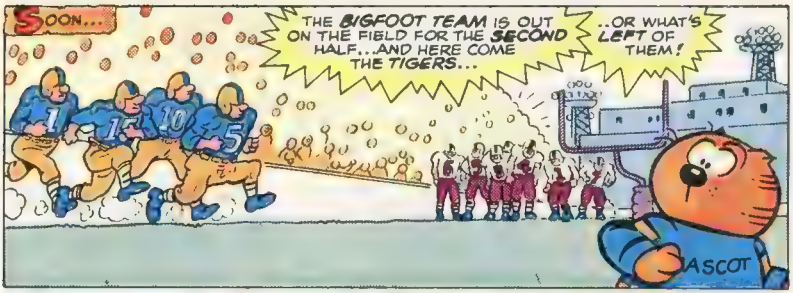

BANG!
THANK GOODNESS, IT'S HALF TIME!

MEN, WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF MEN!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP McGUTSKY!
MASCOT


IF ONLY WE COULD FIND HIS WEAK SPOT!
MASCOT


LOOK, COACH! EVEN HEATHCLIFF IS DESERTING US!


I DON'T BLAME HIM!


SOON...
THE BIGFOOT TEAM IS OUT ON THE FIELD FOR THE SECOND HALF...AND HERE COME THE TIGERS...
..OR WHAT'S LEFT OF THEM!
1
15
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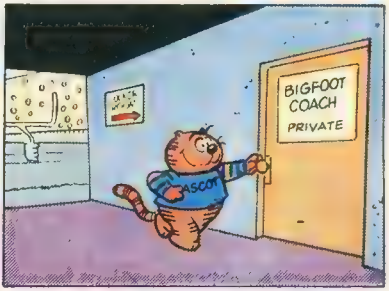
MASCOT

BIGFOOTS
LOCKER ROOMS
SCOT


BIGFOOT COACH
PRIVATE
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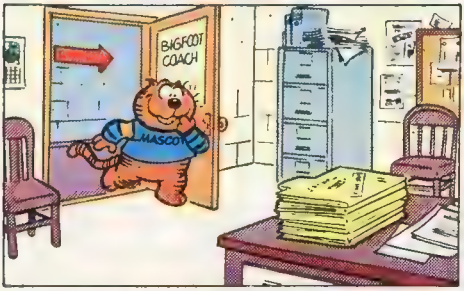
BIGFOOT COACH
MASCOT

McGUTSKY FILE
TOP SECRET
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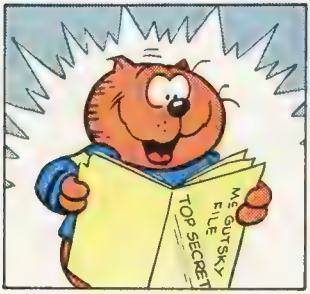
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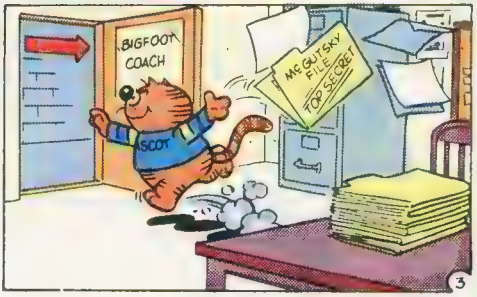
BIGFOOT COACH
McGUTSKY FILE
TOP SECRET
SCOT

WHIP, DRIBBLE, SPIN, RESCUE, DUCK, HURDLE, BOMBARD, SCREEN, ROLL, DIVE, PASS, EVADE, SPRINT, RAID, DUNK, HURL, LOOP, LEAP, CAPTURE, STAB, DEFEND, SHOOT, INVADE, BLAST, ESCAPE, ATTACK, JUMP, AND SWERVE.

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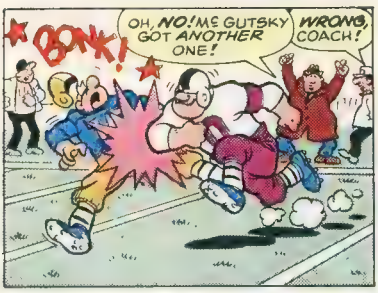
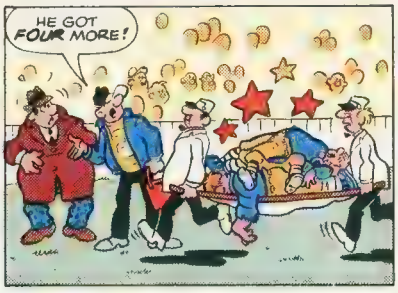
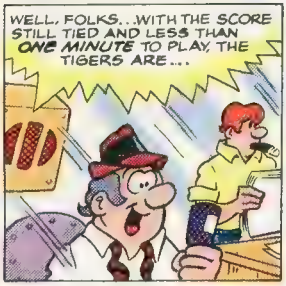
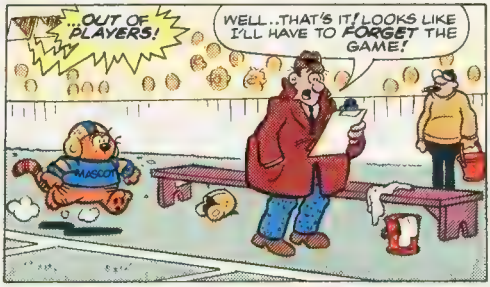
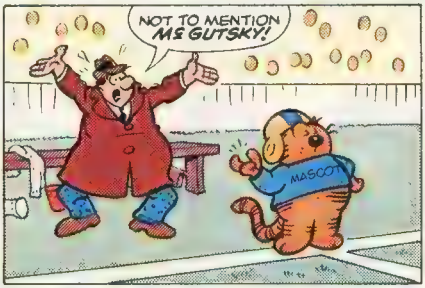

BONK!
OH, NO! MS GUTSKY GOT ANOTHER ONE!
WRONG, COACH!

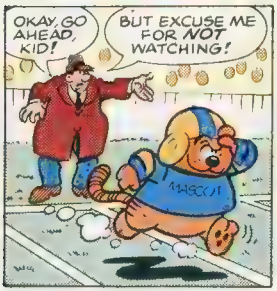

HE GOT FOUR MORE!

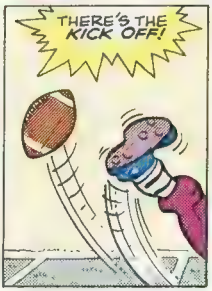

WELL, FOLKS...WITH THE SCORE STILL TIED AND LESS THAN ONE MINUTE TO PLAY, THE TIGERS ARE...


...OUT OF PLAYERS!
WELL...THAT'S IT! LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO FORGET THE GAME!
MASCOT

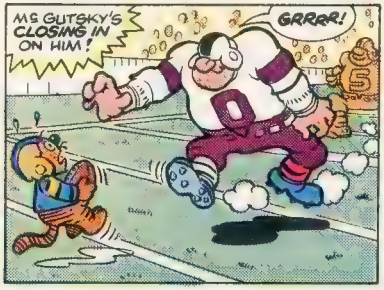
HUH? HEATHCLIFF? NAW IT WOULD BE MURDER!
YOU'D HAVE TO RUN BACK A TOUCHDOWN AGAINST THE ENTIRE BIGFOOT TEAM!

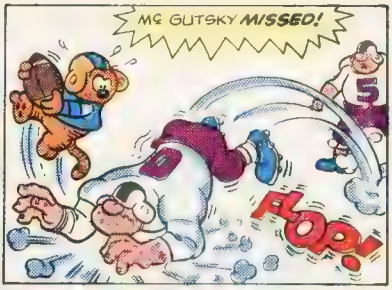

NOT TO MENTION MS GUTSKY!
MASCOT


OKAY, GO AHEAD, KID!
BUT EXCUSE ME FOR NOT WATCHING!
MASCOT

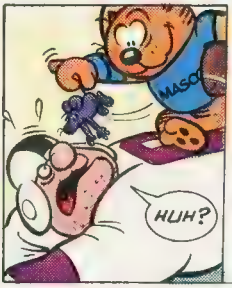

THERE'S THE KICK OFF!

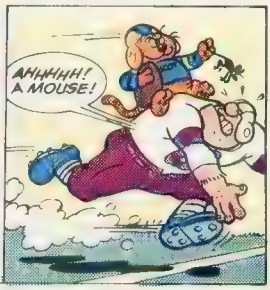
HUH? I DON'T BELIEVE IT! THERE'S ONLY ONE TIGER ON THE FIELD!

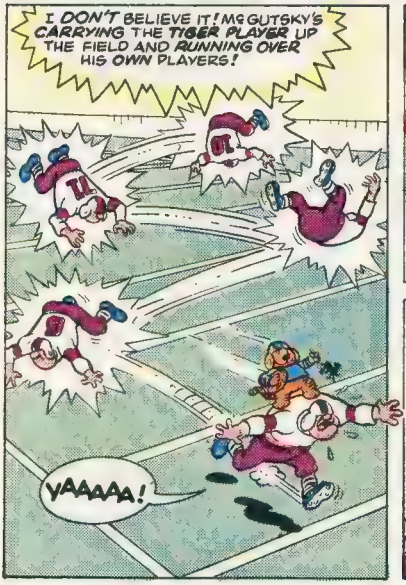

MC GUTSKY'S CLOSING IN ON HIM!
GRRRR!


MC GUTSKY MISSED!
FLOP!

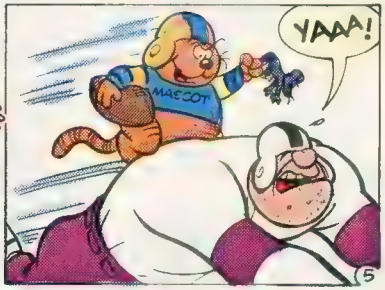
GRRR!
MASCOT

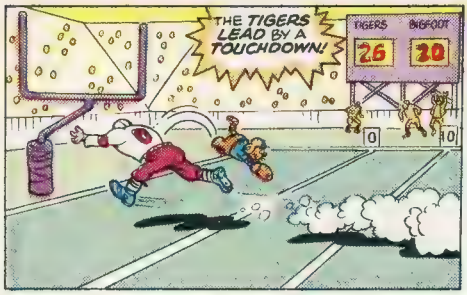

MASCOT
HUH?


AHHHHH! A MOUSE!


I DON'T BELIEVE IT! MC GUTSKY'S CARRYING THE TIGER PLAYER UP THE FIELD AND RUNNING OVER HIS OWN PLAYERS!
YAAAAA!

OH, NO! THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT BRONCO'S ONE WEAKNESS! HIS FEAR OF MICE!
YAAA!


YAAA!
MASCOT


THE TIGERS LEAD BY A TOUCHDOWN!
TIGERS
BIGFOOT
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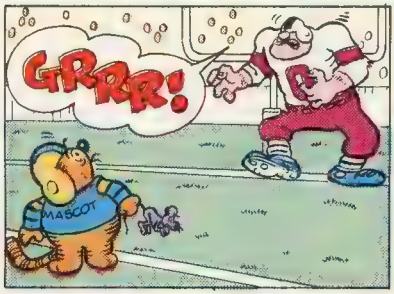
JUST AT THE FINAL GUN! THE TIGERS WIN!
BANG!
MASCOT


GRRRR!
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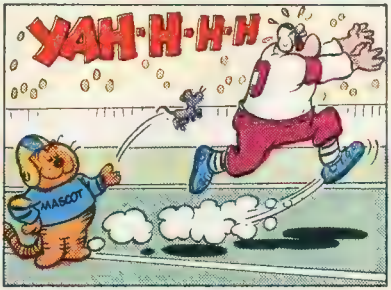
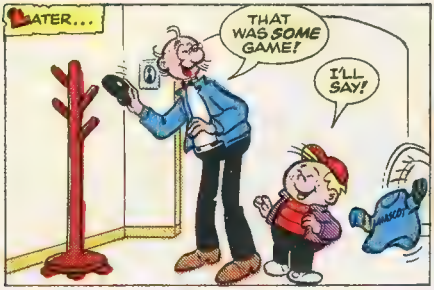
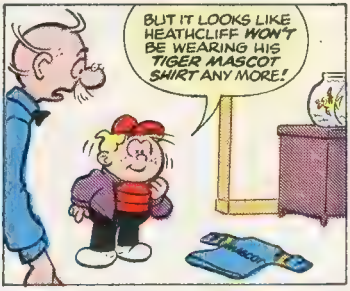
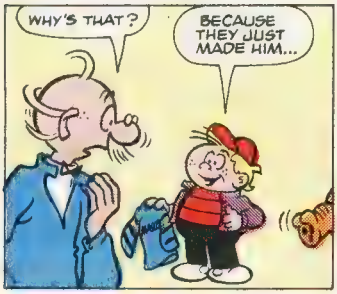
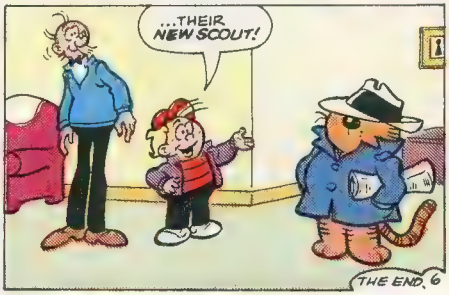

YAH-H-H-H
MASCOT


LATER...
THAT WAS SOME GAME!
I'LL SAY!
MASCOT


BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HEATHCLIFF WON'T BE WEARING HIS TIGER MASCOT SHIRT ANY MORE!


WHY'S THAT?
BECAUSE THEY JUST MADE HIM...


...THEIR NEW SCOUT!
THE END.

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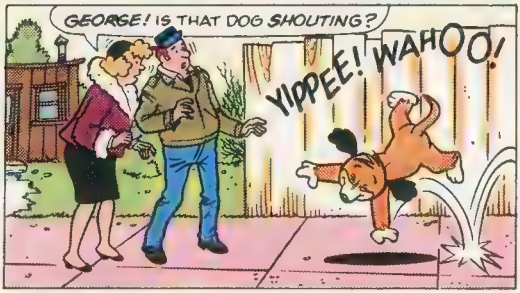

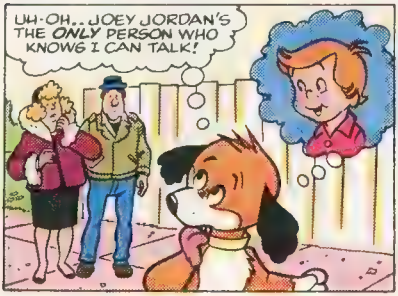

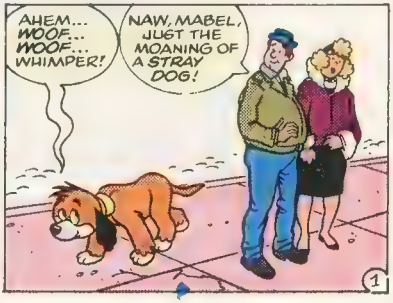

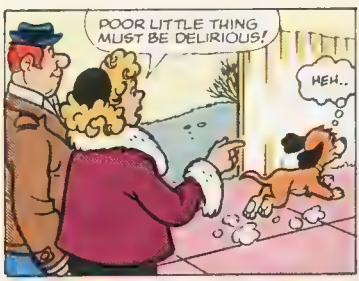
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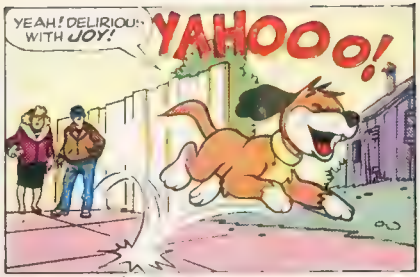
HEH..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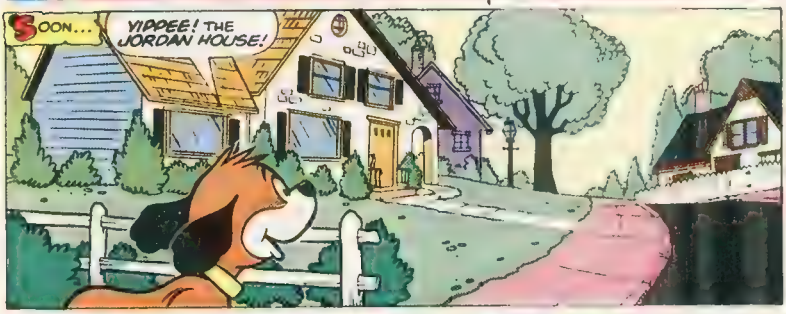
YAHOOO!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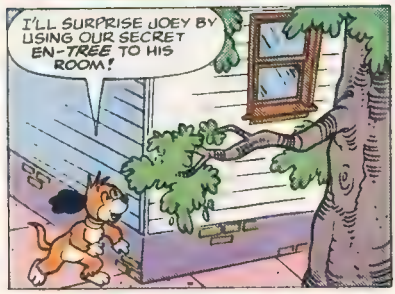
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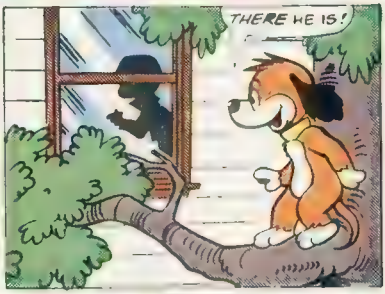
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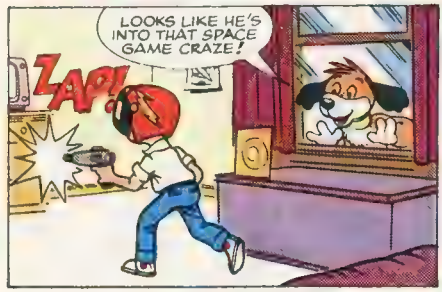
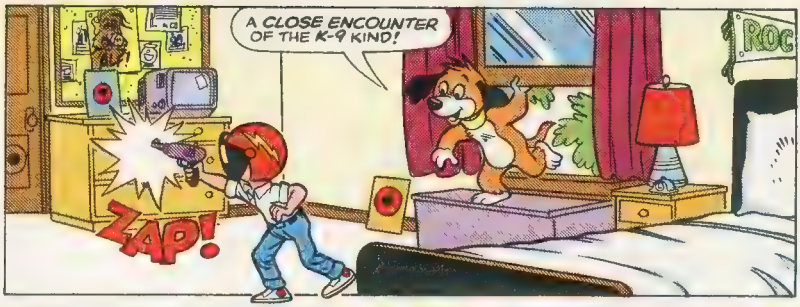
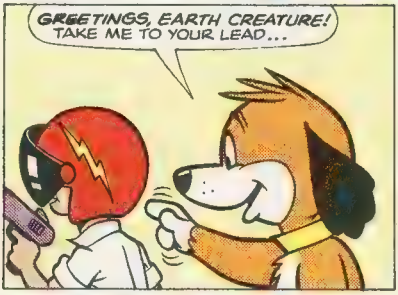
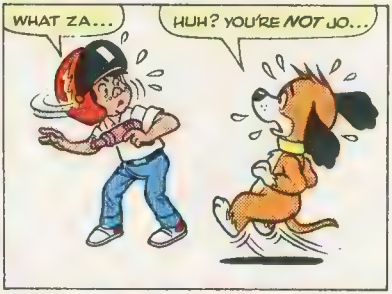

LOOKS LIKE HE'S INTO THAT SPACE GAME CRAZE!
ZAP!

WELL... IT'S TIME FOR...


A CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE K-9 KIND!
ROC
ZAP!


GREETINGS, EARTH CREATURE! TAKE ME TO YOUR LEAD...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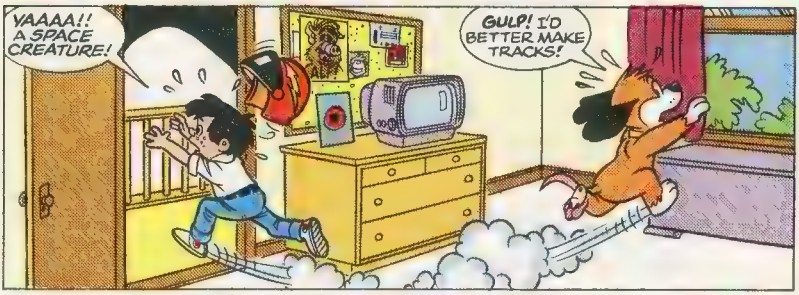
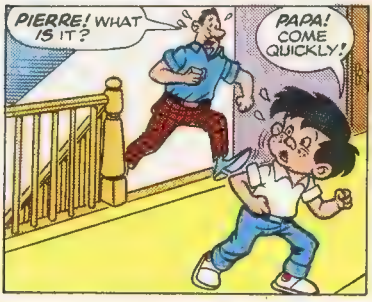
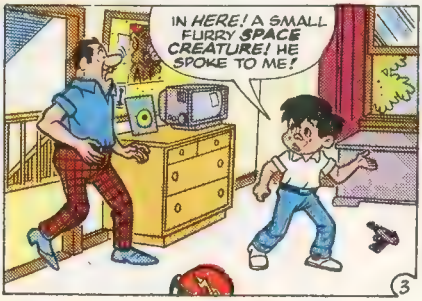
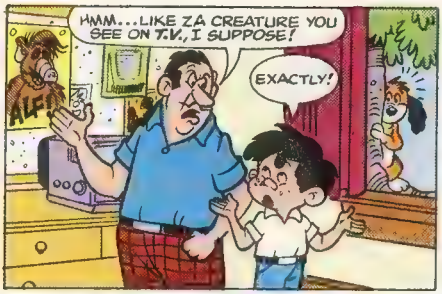
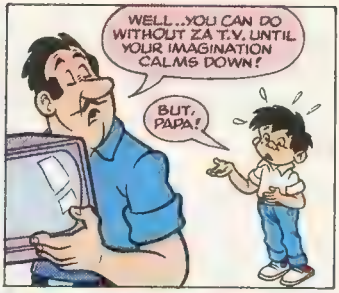
HUH? YOU'RE NOT JO...

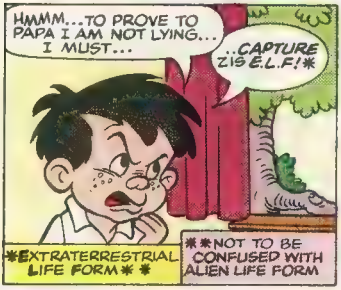

YAAAA!! A SPACE CREATURE!
GULP! I'D BETTER MAKE TRACKS!

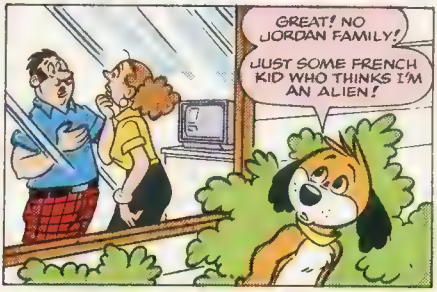

PIERRE! WHAT IS IT?
PAPA! COME QUICKLY!

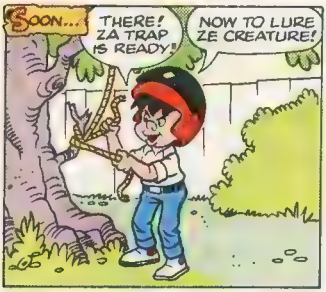

IN HERE! A SMALL FURRY SPACE CREATURE! HE SPOKE TO ME!

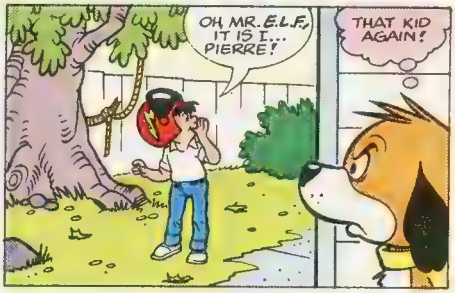

HMM...LIKE ZA CREATURE YOU SEE ON T.V., I SUPPOSE!
EXACTLY!
ALF!


WELL...YOU CAN DO WITHOUT ZA T.V. UNTIL YOUR IMAGINATION CALMS DOWN!
BUT, PAPA!

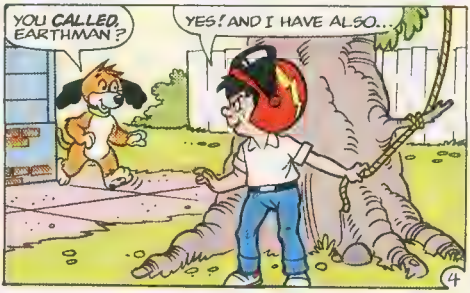

HMMM...TO PROVE TO PAPA I AM NOT LYING... I MUST...
...CAPTURE ZIS E.L.F.!*
*EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE FORM**
**NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH ALIEN LIFE FORM


GREAT! NO JORDAN FAMILY!
JUST SOME FRENCH KID WHO THINKS I'M AN ALIEN!


SOON...
THERE! ZA TRAP IS READY!
NOW TO LURE ZE CREATURE!


OH, MR. E.L.F., IT IS I... PIERRE!
THAT KID AGAIN!

HMMM...SINCE HE KNOWS I CAN TALK...
I MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO GET SOME INFO FROM HIM!


YOU CALLED, EARTHMAN?
YES! AND I HAVE ALSO...

STAR SIGNALS

PRO FILE: MICHAEL GALLAGHER

Marvel freelance credits (present): *Writer for ALF, MADBALLS, HEATHCLIFF, FLINTSTONE KIDS, CARE BEARS and FOOFUR; penciler for MADBALLS and HEATHCLIFF*

My hobbies are: *Collecting comic books and superhero-related toys; and spending as much time as possible with family and friends.*

The single work which I am most proud of is: *Yet to come: To publish a collection of my father's cartoons and illustrations.*

My pet peeves are: *Tasteless television and dim-witted drivers!*

My place of birth is: *New York City*

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: *My award-winning performance as R.P. McMurphy in a local production of* One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

My oddest habit is: *Talking to our three cats:* Emerson, Miss Yvonne *and* Raul

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: *Jack Nicholson (since James Cagney is gone)*

The reason I got into comics was: *It was a lifelong dream come true — made possible by STAR editor Sid Jacobson*

People who knew me in High School thought I was: *Irish!*

My favorite performers are: *Laurel and Hardy, Gleason and Carney, Bruce Springsteen, George Carlin, and Daffy Duck*

The last good book I read was: *Interview with the Vampire by Anne Rice*

The last good movie I saw was: *PEE WEE'S BIG ADVENTURE*

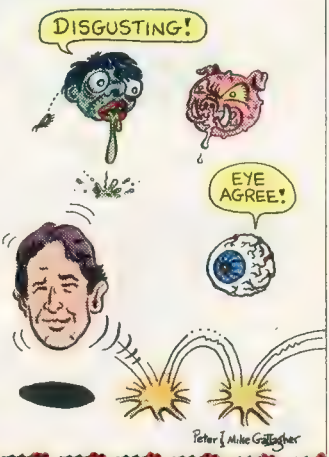
The biggest influences on my work include: *John Gallagher, Walt Kelly, Jack Davis, Will Eisner, C.C. Beck, and Johnny Hart.*

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: *To write a story that will make my wife, Patty, laugh!*

The worst part of my job is: *Trying to write and watch the Mets at the same time.*

When nobody's looking I like to: *Drive to Barnegat Light and walk along the beach.*

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: *I'm happy to be here!!!*



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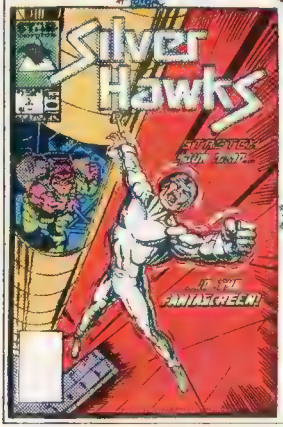

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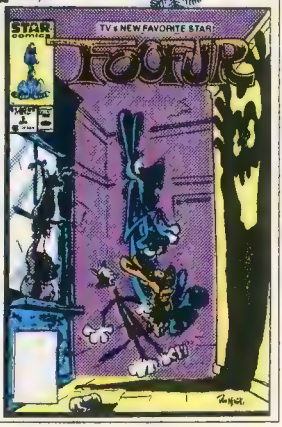

...CAUGHT YOU!
HUH?
HA HA!
THUMP!
THIS ISN'T MY DAY!
HA! YOU ARE MY PRISONER!
NOT THIS SPACE DOG, KID!
HUH! HE'S ESCAPED!
BUT I WILL FIND HIM!
I'LL MAKE THAT EASY FOR YOU, KID!
YAHOO!
HUH?
THERE! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE CAPTURED??
VERY BAD! PLEASE DON'T HARM ME!

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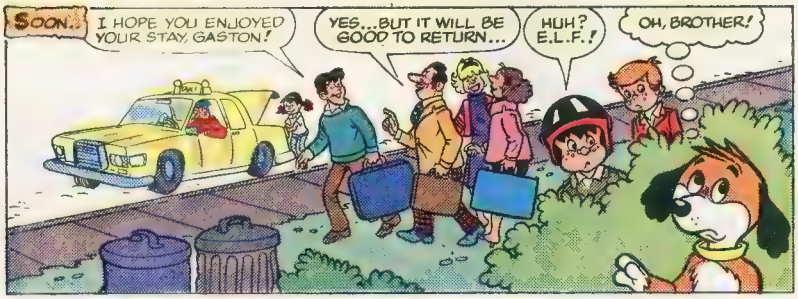
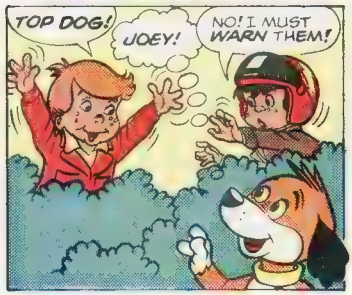
I HAVE COME TO EARTH TO CONTACT THE FORMER OCCUPANTS OF YOUR HOUSE, AND..
BUT MY FAMILY IS ONLY VISITING!
VISITING?
YES! PAPA AND MONSIEUR JORDAN EXCHANGED HOUSES ON A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT!
IN FACT ZE JORDAN FAMILY IS DUE BACK TODAY! SNIFF!
GREAT!
..ER..I MEAN YOU HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL, EARTHLING!
NOW RETURN TO YOUR ROOM!
I BELIEVE YOU HAVE SOME PACKING TO DO!
YES, MONSIEUR E.L.F!
NOW I'LL JUST LAY LOW UNTIL THE KID LEAVES!
HUH?
THE JORDAN'S CAR!


SOON...
I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR STAY, GASTON!
YES...BUT IT WILL BE GOOD TO RETURN...
HUH? E.L.F.!
OH, BROTHER!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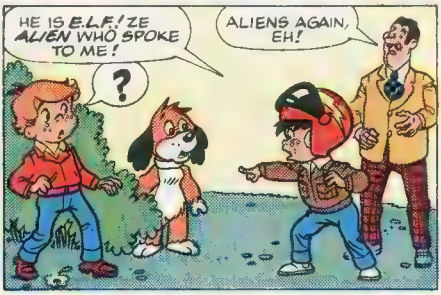
JOEY!
NO! I MUST WARN THEM!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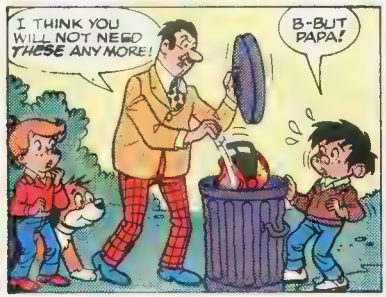
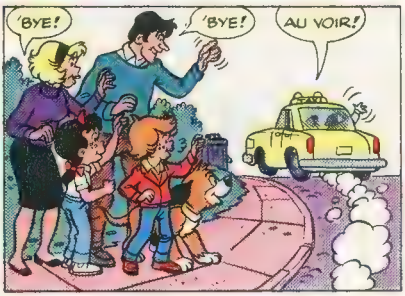
ALIENS AGAIN, EH!


I THINK YOU WILL NOT NEED THESE ANYMORE!
B-BUT PAPA!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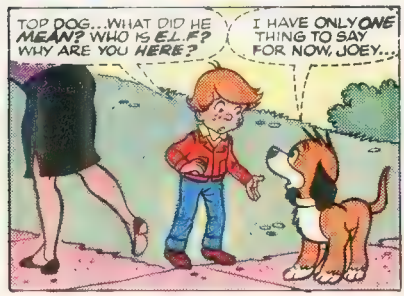
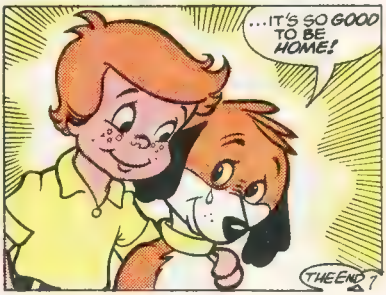
'BYE!
AU VOIR!


TOP DOG...WHAT DID HE MEAN? WHO IS E.L.F.? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO SAY FOR NOW, JOEY...


...IT'S SO GOOD TO BE HOME!
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HEATHCLIFF'S LITTER BOX

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Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I really enjoy reading HEATHCLIFF. I love it so much, I am thinking of subscribing to it. I have HEATHCLIFF ANNUAL #1 and HEATHCLIFF'S FUNHOUSE #3, and many, many more!

I have some questions for you: (1) Why hasn't Spike shown up much lately? (2) Why are you drawing the comic differently? (3) Do you have to have such corny puns all the time?

Chris Edwards
Albany, GA

Thanks for writing, Chris! We've got some answers for you: (1) He's probably trying to figure out a way to get the best of Heathcliff! (2) Differently from what? (3) Corny puns? Guess we just have an ear for them!

Dear STAR,

I love HEATHCLIFF! I just finished reading HEATHCLIFF #s 1, 8, 11, 18, and 19. I love Heathcliff so much that I walked all the way to the mall in the rain. I got soaked just so I could buy HEATHCLIFF! I'm nine years old, and I love you Heathcliff!

Keep up the good work!

Love,

Mike Thress
Palm Harbor, FL

Gee, Mike, if we didn't know better we'd guess that you love Heathcliff! But all that walking in the rain is getting us worried — maybe you should get a subscription. After all, you wouldn't want to catch a cold!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I love your stories. I'm ten years old. I love the story called "That's Snow Biz" (HEATHCLIFF, ish #14). The snowman that came alive really got you in trouble with Grandpa Nutmeg!

Well, it's about time for me to go. Would you please write back so my friends will believe that I wrote to you?

Rebecca Ratcliff
Monterey, LA

We'll do better than that, Rebecca! We'll print your letter right here in the Litterbox! How's *that* for service?

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I love your comics! I only have issue #s 1, 3, 19, and 20, and I need more! I can see a subscription ad in the book, but . . . there is artwork on the other side of the page! What shall I do, Heath!?

Carl Bond
Olympia, WA

Good question, Carl! If you don't want to ruin your HEATHCLIFF comic (and who does?), then be a "copy-cat" and copy the order form! When you're done, just send it in! The folks in our subscription department will understand *purr*fectly!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

Here is a poem for you:

Heathcliff is cool.
Heathcliff is neat.
When it comes to a fight,
He can't be beat.
Heathcliff is above all the rest.
I like Heathcliff,
Because he's the best!

I hope you liked my poem. Please write back!

Pierre Hernandez
Alexandria, LA

We thought your poem was really good!

It rhymed the way a fine poem should.
If we're ever near Louisiana,
We'll look you up, and . . . uh . . . er . . . uhmm
(Well, you get the idea!)

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I think you are the best comic that ever came out! I have 12 issues of HEATHCLIFF! I love drawing cartoons like you, and animals. I hope you make about 1,000 issues of HEATHCLIFF! I was wondering . . . could you make an issue where Heathcliff meets the Madballs (Or even Super Madballs!). I like the MADBALLS a lot, too!

Long live HEATHCLIFF,

Nicole Chance

Thanks, Nicole! HEATHCLIFF and MADBALLS? *Together*?? How much fun can you stand?

Dear STAR,

I just got HEATHCLIFF #18 today, and I've gotta tell ya it was terrific, as always! Not only was it an all Howie Post issue, but I got to see Elasticat ("The Spectacular Return of Elasticat!").

I liked him best when he became a paper airplane, a bi-plane, and a roadsign. I hope to see him again in an issue where he shows off his powers to the Vice-Mice!

The parody of "Rip Van Winkle" ("You Snooze, You Lose") was totally happening. Bring on more of those furry-tailed fairy tales in the future.

Well, gotta ramble. Keep up the good work!

Steven Acevedo
Bronx, NY

We really like Elasticat, too, Steve. You might also take a look at BULLWINKLE AND ROCKY — those "Fractured Fairy Tales" in the book keep us rolling on the floor!

Dear STAR Comics,

I think you are doing a great job with your comics! My child thinks Heathcliff is real (and I'm not stopping her). I think it's helping her imagination.

Thank you,

Mrs. Kimberly Smith

What? Heathcliff *isn't* real!?

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

As a HEATHCLIFF fan, I think I should challenge Spike to a fight. Please ask Heathcliff what he thinks of the idea.

Matthew Lum
Honolulu, HI

Nice of you to offer, Matthew, but Heathcliff says he wants to handle his own fights with Spike. Of course, nothing's stopping you from rooting for him!

Dear STARs,

Every comic I read of yours is excellent! I collect HE-MAN, MADBALLS, THUNDERCATS, and HEATHCLIFF. HEATHCLIFF is my favorite! Is there any way I can get HEATHCLIFF #1 and #2, and MADBALLS #s 1–4? I sure hope so! I also want to collect PETER PORKER, but I can't find it anywhere. Can you suggest anyplace I can get it?

Until Heathcliff hates tuna, MAKE MINE MARVEL and STAR!

Justin Hiefman
Loudonville, OH

Why not try your local comic book store, Justin, or one of the mail order companies that handles back issues? And as far as finding PETER PORKER, that's easy! our winsome web-swinging swine is hanging his hat in the pages of MARVEL TALES! It seems Spider-Man himself decided the Spectacular Spider-Pig deserved a place in one of his very own magnificent mags! Check it out, scout!

Dear HEATHCLIFF,

I like a cat who has class. I like you more than any other cat! I like you so much that I want to ask for your autograph . . . PLEASE! I also think you're cute! May I please have your autograph? I love your comics. Don't stop making them!!!!

Love ya always,

Mia Jones
Pine Hill, NJ

We won't, Mia! As for the autograph — Heathcliff doesn't usually give them out, but . . . well, since you asked so nicely, here you go . . .

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